

Central Falls School District Board of Trustees
Meeting Minutes – January 12, 2016
Ella Risk Conference Room, Lower Level
5:30 PM

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call - The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Anna Cano-Morales at 5:31 PM. A roll call was taken.
Board Members Present: Anna Cano-Morales, Diosa Martinez Stephanie Gonzalez, Hugo Figueroa and Ron Pitt.
Arriving after the meeting was called to order Sonia Grace (5:35 p.m.)
Board Members Absent: Ana Cecilia Rosado (Excused)
- II. Pledge– The pledge was led by Mr. John Burns.

The following item was moved up in the agenda from VII to III.

- III. Presentation by Mr. David Upegui was moved up on the agenda. Mr. David Upegui, teacher at Central Falls High School presented his research about how students in Central Falls are distributed along CFSD and charter schools. He made the following three recommendations: 1. Humanize our students, 2. Charter schools must take a representative sample of the student population and 3. Typical schools must do a better job to attract and retain top performers. Mr. Upegui ended by inviting the board members to visit his classroom.

Ms. Grace asked what the board can do as a policy board. Mr. Upegui responded that we need to find ways to compete for the best.

The following item was moved up in the agenda from XIII to IV.

- IV. Ms. Grace moved to go into Executive Session, under RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (2) that this body convene in executive session to discuss certain matters that are the subject of collective bargaining and litigation, and to conduct work sessions pertaining to collective bargaining and litigation, seconded by Ms. Gonzalez.
In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Ms. Martinez, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Grace.

The board went into Executive Session at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Figueroa to open the meeting.

In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Ms. Martinez, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Grace.

The board voted to come out of Executive Session at 6:48 p.m.

A motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session was made by Ms. Grace and seconded by Mr. Figueroa.

In favor: Mr. Figueroa, Mr. Pitt, Ms. Martinez, Chairperson Cano-Morales, Ms. Gonzalez, Ms. Grace.

Chairperson Cano-Morales informed those present that the board had taken a vote in Executive Session to uphold the Superintendent's recommendation on a personnel matter and that the vote was unanimous.

V. Approval of the meeting minutes of December 8, 2015 - A motion to approve the minutes was made by Mr. Grace, seconded by Mr. Pitt. Motion approved.

VI. Approval of personnel actions including any new appointments, rescissions, resignations, recalls, and retirement – Superintendent Capellan presented the following names for action:

- New Hires: Dana Mazzone – Temporary employee, Veterans
- Resignation: Mona Moukhaiber – CFHS and Frank Delbonis, Calcutt
- Leave of Absence: Sara Sellers, Veterans
- Recall: Marcus Senerchia, Calcutt

A motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez and seconded by Mr. Pitt. Motion approved.

VII. Approval of bills – Grants and General Budget – A motion to approve was made Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Pitt. Motion approved.

VIII. Presentation of CF Annual Financial Statement Year Ending 2015 – Superintendent Capellan presented the board with a copy of the Annual Audit. A discussion of the District finances will be scheduled at a later date.

IX. Discuss Academic Plan Process - Superintendent Capellan informed the board that he would be presenting the Academic Plan planning process to the teachers during a District General Meeting on January 14, 2016.

X. Schools Building Committee Update: Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the District continues to work with the City and with RIDE to move forward the Major Projects application as well as the Fast Track application.

XI. Public Comment: There was no public comment.

XII. Superintendent Comment – Superintendent Capellan presented to the board a copy of a School Profile for each of the schools detailing a set of data indicators for each school. The board requested more information about the District's English Language Learners.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that negotiations were in the process of starting with the CFTU and with the non-certified union for successor contracts.

Superintendent Capellan informed the board that the 2017 budget is being developed and he hopes to have it ready to present to the board by the end of February or beginning of March.

XIII. Board Comment –

- a. Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that she began volunteering at Veterans School on Tuesdays and Thursdays with a 2nd grade class.

XIV. Next Scheduled Meeting: February 9, 2016 at 5:30PM at the Ella Risk School.

XV. Adjournment – a motion was made by Ms. Gonzalez, seconded by Mr. Figueroa. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.